

FINDING FAMILY HISTORY
AT THE
BALTIMORE CITY ARCHIVES

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- **Political interest**
- **Funding**
- **Professional management**
- **Intergovernmental tension**

Faust, Aiden. “Archives Trouble’: The Case of the Baltimore City Archives,” MLS Program, University of Maryland, College of Information Studies, 2008; winner of Lawrence B. Heilprin Award for best student paper, May 2009.

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Introduction

The Maryland State Archives is the central repository for state government records of permanent value with a broad legal mandate to acquire and care for both public and private records relating to the history of Maryland from the earliest times of Lord Baltimore to the present.

The Guide to Government Records is the finding aid created to assist users in their quest for particular records. It describes records series which have been created by state agencies, whether at the state, county, or municipal level. Please see the [introduction tab](#) for tips on making your search as resourceful as possible.

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DUKES FAMILY RESEARCH

Translation to Record group

Card for James T. Dukes

Dukes, Jas. T.

1862 - (2822) Bounty applications
1864 - (2001) Bounty Applications
1857 - (544) Coroner's Inquest

1862: 1-2A	City Commissioners	(RG3 S1)
3-6	Deeds	(RG3 S1)
7-116	Mayor	(RG9 S2)
117-175	Water Works	(RG25 S1)
176-284	Register	(RG32 S1)
285-294	Health Department	(RG19 S1)
295-1113	City Council	(RG16 S1)
1114-1115	General Assembly	(RG59 S1)
1116-1485A	Bonds	(RG41 S2)
1486-1493	Taxes	(RG5 S1)
1494-1529	Reports & Returns	(RG41 S1)
1530-1540	-Missing-	
1541-1543	Bills, Checks	(RG41 S3)
1544-2070	Oaths of Allegiance	(RG9 S2)
2070A-2224	Civil War Records	(RG56 S2)
2225-8804	Civil War Records	(RG56 S3)
8805-9773	Civil War Records	(RG56 S4)

Entry for Jas T. Dukes; WPA Historical
Records Survey Name Index,
Reference Indices, BRG 76, Series 3;
Baltimore City Archives.

1862 conversion chart, WPA-HRS Record
Groups, 1982; Baltimore City Archives

MORE KINSHIP EVIDENCE

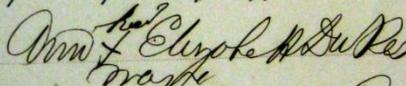
By 1864, Ann Elizabeth Dukes filed a claim as the wife of James T. Dukes, Company C, Purnell Legion.

Bounty Application of Ann Elizabeth Dukes, 2 August 1864 (HRS# 2001); Administrative Records, Civil War Records, BRG 56, Series 3; Baltimore City Archives.

THE CITY OF BALTIMORE



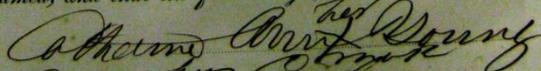
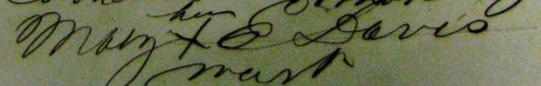
I, Ann Elizabeth Dukes ^{a resident of} Baltimore and wife of James T. Dukes belonging to Company C of the Purnell Legion Regiment, Maryland Volunteers, who was enlisted and is now in the service of the United States, do solicit, under the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 60 and 61, approved May, 1861, of the City of Baltimore, allowance for myself and _____ under fourteen years of age, at the time of his enlistment, and now dependent upon him for support.

August 2nd 1864. Signed, ^{Ann Elizabeth Dukes} 

This day, personally appeared before me the above named ^{Ann Elizabeth Dukes} Dukes and made oath for herself, and ^{James T. Dukes} James T. Dukes that, on the _____ day of _____ 1861 the day of enlistment of the above mentioned ^{James T. Dukes} James T. Dukes dependent upon his services and still ^{is} so, for support.

^{W. H. Hayward} Justice of the Peace.
Baltimore 2 1864.

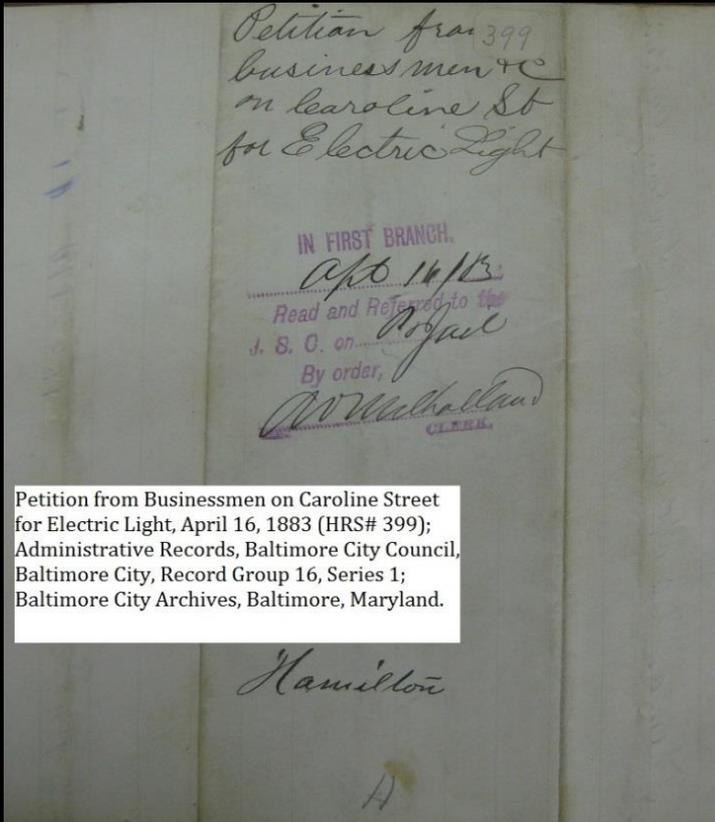
We hereby make affidavit that we are acquainted with the applicant above named, and that the facts alleged and sworn to by her are true.

^{Catherine}  ^{Wm. E. Davis} 
WITNESSES.

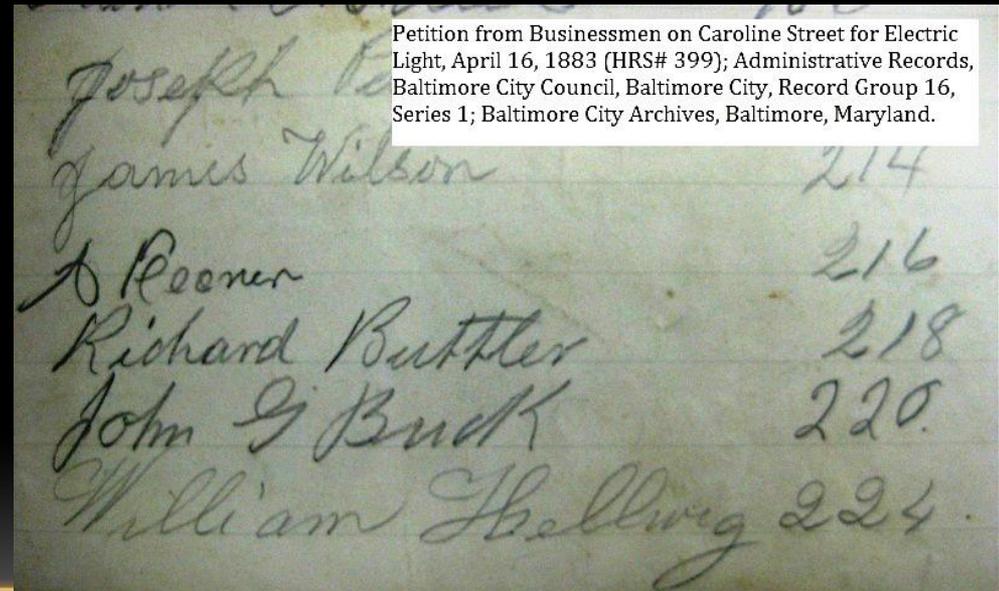
THE SIGNATURE OF JOHN G. BUCK

1883 Petition for electric lights on Caroline St.

John G. Buck, among his neighbors and business associates



Petition from Businessmen on Caroline Street for Electric Light, April 16, 1883 (HRS# 399); Administrative Records, Baltimore City Council, Baltimore City, Record Group 16, Series 1; Baltimore City Archives, Baltimore, Maryland.



JAMES SEWARD, 1 of 3 Cards

Seward, James

1838 - (1756)	Trader's License.
1840 - (932)	Inquests.
1840 - (1051)	Bailiffs.
1840 - (1166)	Licenses.
1845 - (1323)	Justice of peace, fines.
1849 - (56)	Plat pumps.
1849 - (448)	Coroners Inquest.
1849 - (659)	Phila. Wil. & Balto. R.R., regulate speed.
1850 - (74)	Erect pump, Canton Ave.
1850 - (231)	Pump plat, Canton Ave. & Castle Alley.
1850 - (260)	Pump plat, Washington St.
1850 - (1037)	Stock list.
1851 - (1651)	Licenses.
1859- (1725)	Police Bond.

Entry for James Seward; WPA Historical Records Survey Name Index, Reference Indices, BRG 76, Series 3; Baltimore City Archives.

CONSTABLE SEWARD

Return of Robert Dutton Justice of the Peace from March 27 to August 1 1845

Date	Names of Offenders	Offence	Magistrate	Officer	Fine	Costs	Remarks
					£ s d	£ s d	
March 27	James Evans	Selling oranges	R. Dutton	Geo Pownall	1	56 ¹ / ₂	penalty paid to officer
April 3	Gilbert Cassard	Waggon not numbered	" "	do do	non suit	75	Charge not proved
March 28	William Mitchell (39)	driving horses	" "	do do	5 00	68 ² / ₂	costs paid fine suspended
April 1	Peter Riley 40	driving over Bridge	" "	do do	5 00	75	I have the right
March 31	Michael Nugent 42	do do	" "	do do	5 00	75	costs paid, fine remitted
" 28	Lloyd Carmack 45	do do	" "	do do	5 00	62 ² / ₂	cost paid, Suit I have
" 28	Francis Devine	Ash Cart	" "	W. A. Swift	5 00	1-37 ² / ₂	Cost paid, fine remitted
" 28	Francis Devine	Measuring Ashes	" "	James Seward	5 00	1-37 ² / ₂	costs paid fine remitted
April 4	Daniel Purnell	Driving over Bridge	" "	Geo Pownall	2 00	62 ² / ₂	costs paid fine remitted
" 4	George W. Taylor	do do	" "	" "	3 00	62 ² / ₂	costs paid fine remitted
" 1	Francis O. Keale 52	do do	" "	" "	5 00	68 ² / ₂	costs paid, Suit I have
March 31	Samuel Cadell	driving horses	" "	" "	2 00	56 ¹ / ₂	penalty remitted, cost paid
April 9	Joshua Britton & dau Robin	do do	" "	" "	5 00	75	Penalty remitted, cost paid
May 26	William Harp	Throwing stones	" "	W. A. Swift	1 00	1 93	costs paid fine remitted
June 24	Catherine Wertzler	do do	" "	James Seward	1 00	62 ² / ₂	Paid R Dutton
July 12	Cain Bush	do do	" "	do do	1	75	Paid to R Dutton

Sept 1845
R. Dutton

Return of Robert Dutton Justice of the Peace from March 27 to August 1 1845 (HRS# 1323); Reports & Returns, Miscellaneous Administrative Records, BRG 41, Series 1; Baltimore City Archives.

SEWARD, filing a building permit application

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Baltimore, Sept 24th 1870

TO THE CITY COMMISSIONER: Simon Ritchey

Permission is hereby requested to construct ^{two} ~~a~~ frame enclosed sheds

9 x 9 feet, one story, 9 feet high at the highest part in the rear of

also 2. Open sheds 8 x 14 feet, in the rear of two houses

in Duncan Alley near Pratt Street

Said work to be done in accordance with, and to continue under the provisions of the Ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in such cases made and provided.

J. C. Seward

Building Permit, 1870 (HRS# 1652); Administrative Files, Baltimore City Commissioners, BRG 3, Series 1; Baltimore City Archives.

BOSTON STREET IN 1849

“...The undersigned Citizens of Baltimore respectfully state...the mail trains...daily arriving in this City...are driven through **Boston Street** from Canton Avenue to the Eastern line...by steam power at the rate of from sixteen to eighteen miles an hour...our city is **fraught with fearful peril to the life and limbs**...That said line is through out the day the great Eastern thorough fare of the City & continually crowded with **carts, waggins, horses, carriages & pedestrians**...”

Petition regarding speed of locomotives through the Point, 28 February 1849 (HRS# 659); Administrative Files, City Council, BRG 16, Series 1; Baltimore City Archives.

1857 MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Job Applications

Baltimore City
Department of Legislative
Reference, City Papers,
Index, 1850-1860, p. 290,
MSA CE 40-4.

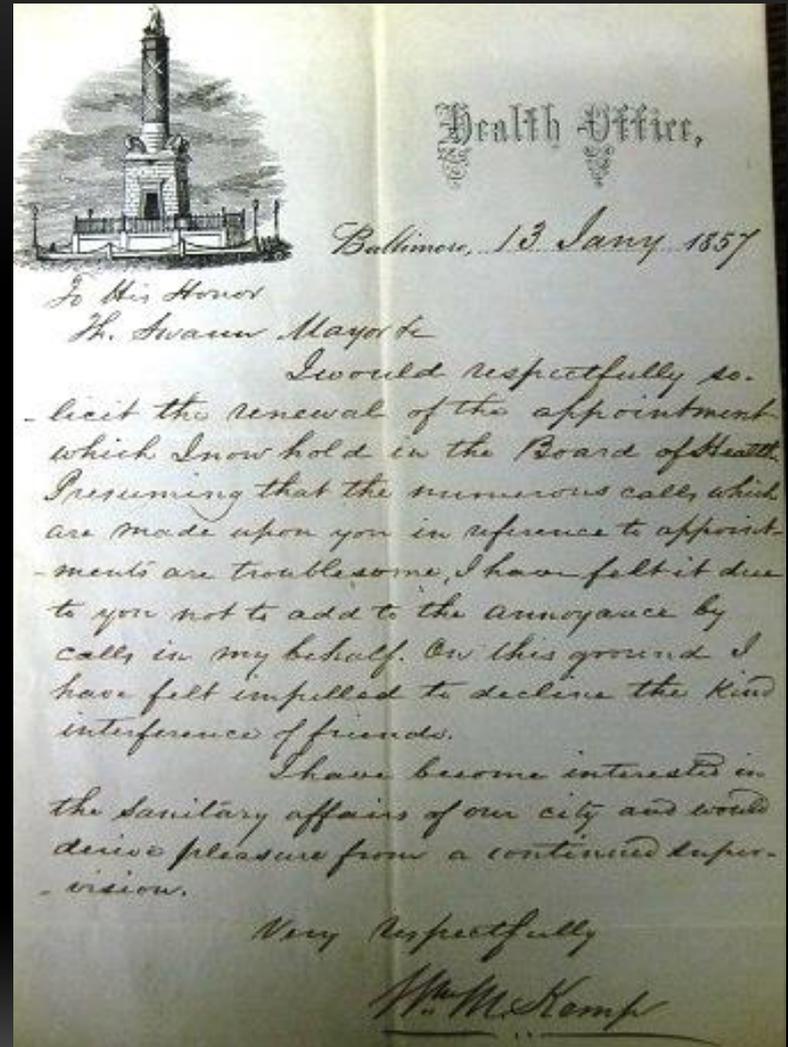
Mayors Correspondence	
Applications for Positions	
City Commissioners	
40.	Beale, W.E.
41.	Harman, Wm.H.
42-47	May, Edward
48.	McNabb, James
49.	Slicer, Lewis
	Clerk to-
50.	Bandel, Andrew.J. City Physician
51.	Kemp, Wm.M.D. Alms House, visiting Nurse
52.	Newman, P. Any Position
53.	Dimmock, Mr
54.	Finley, Francis
55.	McConnell, J.C.
56.	Wonderly, Jacob Appeal Tax Court, Judge of
57.	May, Edward Architects
58.	Dixon, T & J.M.
59.	Harris, I.M. Bailiffs
60.	Megary, Washington Chimney Sweeps
61.	Cadwalader, E.J.
62.	Megary, I.Nash Commissioners opening streets
63.	Bingon, Thos.W.
64.	Dushane, N.T.
65.	Hall, Nathaniel
66.	Taylor, Davis Constable
67.	Bull, Shadrach

13 January 1857

THE MODEST APPROACH

To His Honor, Mr. Swann,
Mayor

“...Presuming that the numerous calls, which are made upon you in reference to appointments are troublesome, I have felt it due to you not to add to the annoyance by calls in my behalf. On this ground, I have felt impelled to decline the kind interference of friends....”



Letter from Wm. M. Kemp to Mayor Swann, 13 January 1857 (HRS# 51); Mayor's Correspondence, Mayor's Office, BRG 9, Series 2; Baltimore City Archives.

THE FEATHER FAMILY

WPA-HRS INDEX

Feathers, R.

1849 - (448) Coroners inquest

Feathers, Margaret

1849 - (448) Coroners inquest

Feathers, John A.

1862 - (5128) Bounty Application

Feathers, John

1838 - (1983) Police Report

1849 - (448) Coroners Inquest

1862 - (3150) Bounty Application

1862 - (11371) Muster Roll - Fifth Regiment

1863 - (3118) Bounty Correspondence

1864 - (3706) Muster Roll

SUSPICIOUS DEATH INDEX

Feather, John (about 35 yrs.); March 28, 1849

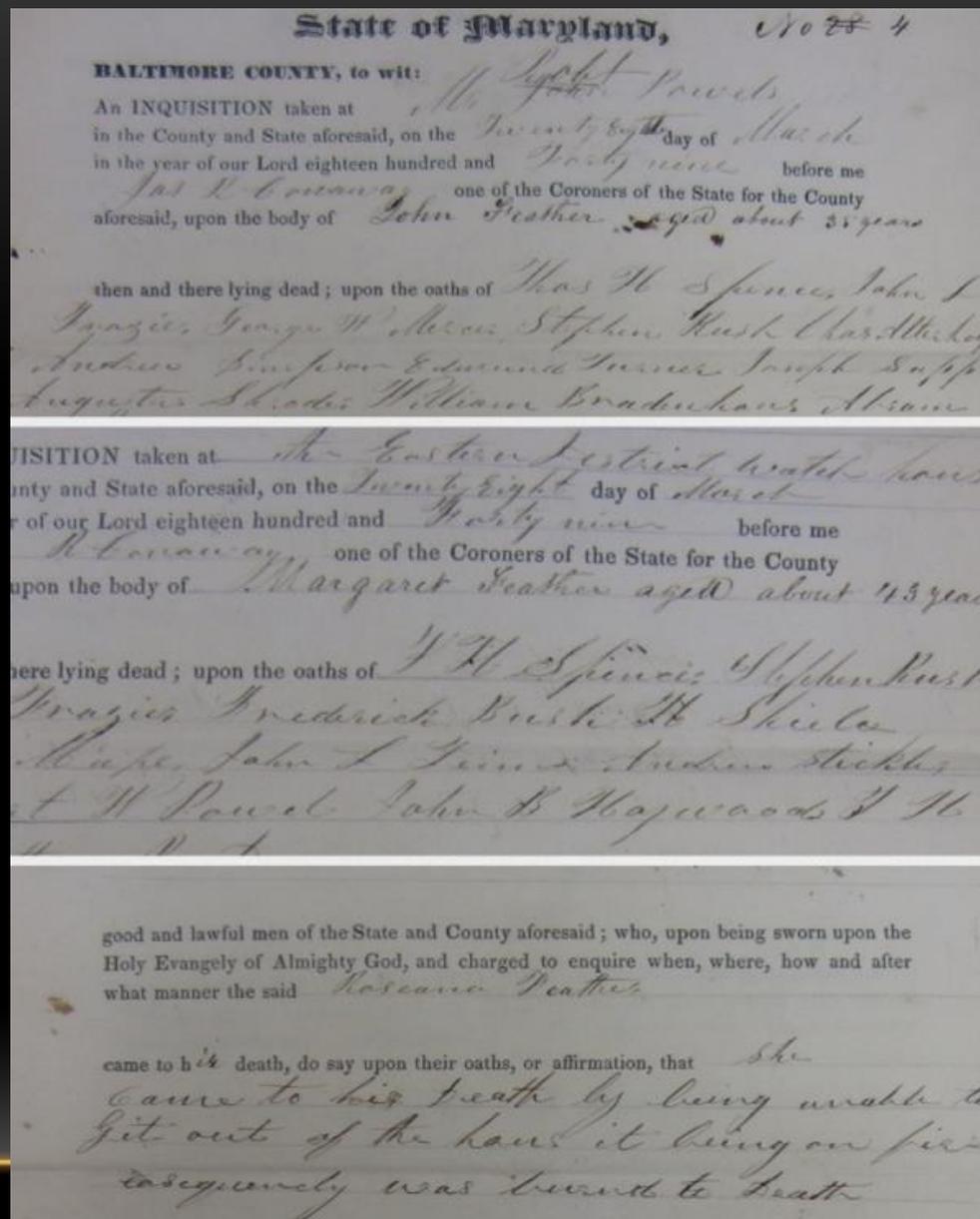
Feather, Margaret (about 43 yrs.); March 28, 1849

Feather, Roseana (18 mos.); March 28, 1849

FAMILY PERISHES

John, Margaret and Roseana Feather, just a toddler, came to [their] “deaths by being unable to get out of the house it being on fire and consequently [were] burned to death.”

Coroners Reports [John, Margaret, Roseanne Feather], 28 March 1849 (HRS# 448); HRS Records, Health Department, BRG 19, Series 1; Baltimore City Archives.



PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS; PASSENGER LIST INDEX

1833-1866 BRG55-4



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“DATABASE ENTRIES” COMPARED: NARA M255 (*Ancestry.com*) & BCA BRG 55-3

Baltimore, Passenger Lists, 1820-1948 and 1954-19	
Name:	Joh Fred Moller
Arrival Date:	Dec 1836 [Nov 1836] [Oct 1836]
Age:	50
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1786
Gender:	Male
Race:	German
Port of Departure:	Foreign Ports
Ship Name:	Various Vessels
Port of Arrival:	Baltimore, Maryland

2155-2-34- -CITY-

Family name MOELLER		Given name JOHN FREDK.	
Accompanied by CATH. ELIZAB-49 (HIS WIFE) JOHN FREDK. 15- WILLIAM-14- CATHARINA-9- ADELHEID-6- HENRY-3-			
Age 50 Yrs.	Sex M. <input checked="" type="radio"/> M. <input type="radio"/> S.	Occupation CARPENTER	Nationality GERMAN
Mos.	W. D.	Last permanent residence (town, country, etc.) NEUENKIRCHEN	
Port of entry BALTIMORE, MD.		Name of vessel BRIG. "ADELGUNDE"	Destination U.S.A. AMERICA
		Date NOV-30- 1836	

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PASSENGER LISTS COMPARED-

NARA M255 (Ancestry.com) & BRG55-1 (Original)

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	The country to which they belong	The country in which they were born	Port of call
Heinr. Criff	42	male		Münchhausen, Prov. Bremen		
Mela Criff	2	female				
C. W. Schulte	35	male	farmer	Bremser		
Paul. Baummann	17	male		Hildesheim		Schiff
Anna Schulte	15	female		Bremser		
Joh. Richard	25	male		Bremser		
Carl Windthorst	43	male		Bremser		
Anna Marg. Windthorst	43	female		Bremser		Blank
Anna Windthorst	17	female		Bremser		Schiff
Joh. Windthorst	12	male		Bremser		Schiff
Robert Windthorst	9	male		Bremser		Schiff
Joh. Windthorst	7	male		Bremser		Schiff
Carl Windthorst	3	male		Bremser		Schiff
Heinr. Halle	21	male	Assistent	Bremser		Blank
Marg. Schröder	27	female		Bremser		
Ernst Meyer	29	male		Bremser		
Joh. Meyer	21	male		Bremser		
Heinr. Zentgraf	24	male	carver	Bremser		
Heinr. Schultze	25	male		Bremser		
Joh. Carl Endemann	32	male		Bremser		
Kath. Bospic	24	female		Bremser		
Regina Pullenberg	31	female		Bremser		
Augustine Wolf	11	female		Bremser		
Ad. Luchs	29	male	Warenhändler	Bremser		Schiff
Luise Luchs	22	female		Bremser		
Chr. Hiller	27	male		Bremser		
Chr. Schumacher	27	male		Bremser		
Jacob Schumacher	24	male		Bremser		
Georg Meyer	24	male		Bremser		
Agnes Meyer	2	female		Bremser		
Heinr. Wether	27	male		Bremser		
Ad. Holt	29	male		Bremser		
Jacob Lucht	31	male		Bremser		
Heinr. Holt	42	male		Bremser		
Anna Cath. Hill	32	female		Bremser		
Conr. Hill	1	male		Bremser		
Andr. Rallfischer	35	male		Bremser		
Anna Cath. Rallfischer	33	female		Bremser		
Anna Cath. Rallfischer	31	female		Bremser		
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BEYOND THE NAME INDEXES

- Study the LeFurgy Guide (1984) and subject matter index
 - Read published guides and articles
 - Think creatively about location, occupation, and associations
 - Read newspapers to identify events
 - Expand the circle of inquiry beyond a single individual
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BCA FAMILY HISTORY – Work in Progress

- Tax Records, challenging but...
 - 1798-1808 Name Index online
 - 1798-1812 Some records online, **BRG4**

BCA 85-1 (Scanned)	Tax Book. Upper District, A-Z	Click Here for Additional Links	BCA BRG4-1-14
BCA 85-2 (Scanned), BCA 86-1 (Scanned)	Tax Book. Lower District, A-Z	Click Here for Additional Links	BCA BRG4-1-15
BCA 86-2 (Scanned)	Tax Book. I-Q	Click Here for Additional Links	BCA BRG4-1-16

- BRG 19 “Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Poor” records binding out of poor children

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Records Relating to a Person:

- ★ The best way to *find an individual* that is mentioned in the historical records of the Baltimore City Archives is by utilizing the **WPA Historical Records Survey Name Index**. In the 1930's, the Works Progress Administration, in the process of their Historical Records Survey Project, indexed every name mentioned in the records of the Baltimore City Archives. The cards produced from that index are available online in alphabetically segments. For guidance on how to use the

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Baltimore City Directories

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Several institutions have microfiche entitled *City Directories of the United States* for 1752-1860 as well as *City Directories of the United States* on microfilm for 1861-1930. As the exact edition of the directory isn't stated for those, a list of institutions that hold those in their collections will be listed down on the bottom of this list, as well as several websites that contain these directories for a fee.

If you have information about any directory not listed below, please contact us!

1700s

1752

Microfilm copy located at the Maryland State Archives

Microfiche copy available at Hornbake Library North at the University of Maryland

1796

Microfilm copy located at the Maryland State Archives

Microfilm copy located at the Enoch Pratt Free Library

Microfiche copy available at Hornbake Library North at the University of Maryland

1799

Electronic copy located on Archive.org

Microfilm copy located at the Maryland State Archives

Microfilm copy located at the Enoch Pratt Free Library

Microfiche copy available at Hornbake Library North at the University of Maryland

CITY CEMETERIES, a recent addition

<http://baltimorecityhistory.net/baltimore-cemeteries>

Baltimore Cemeteries

Where to Start

- ★ There are several websites devoted to the documentation of cemeteries, interments, and tombstones. They include **Find A Grave**, **Billion Graves**, and **Interment.net**. Please be aware that these are volunteer efforts and sometimes photographs are associated to the wrong cemeteries (for example, a cemetery with a similar name). Where possible, you should contact the cemetery directly to confirm the accuracy of the information.
- ★ The blog **Monumental City** provides a list of **Baltimore area cemeteries** as well as information about specific cemeteries.
- ★ The following searchable volumes are available on **Ancestry.com**. Please note that a subscription is required to access these materials.
 - ★ **Baltimore, Maryland, Loudon Park National Cemetery, 1862-2010**
 - ★ **Baltimore, Maryland, Deaths and Burials Index, 1877-1992**
 - ★ **Marriages and Deaths from Baltimore Newspapers, 1796-1816**
 - ★ **Index to Marriages and Deaths in the Baltimore Sun 1837-1850**
 - ★ **Index to Marriages and Deaths in the Baltimore Sun 1851-1860**
 - ★ **A Record of Interments at the Friends Burial Ground, Baltimore, Maryland (Quaker)**
- ★ The following searchable databases are available on **FamilySearch.org**.
 - ★ **Maryland, Deaths and Burials, 1877-1992**

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Baltimore City Wards 1817

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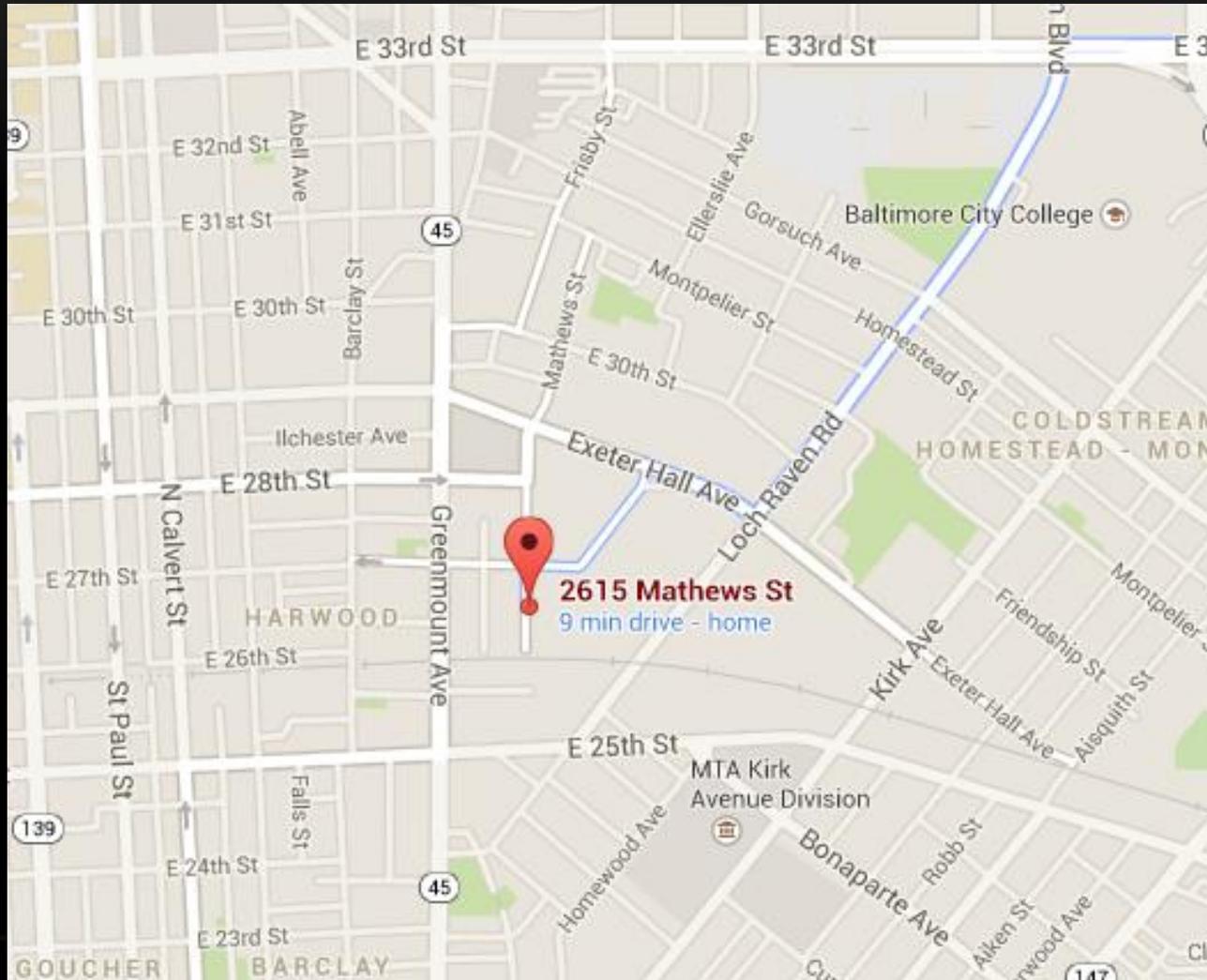
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10th Ward
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Milford Mill, Arlington, Locheam, Woodlawn, Ashburton, Gwynn Oak, Reisterstown Rd, Walbrook, Bridgeview-Greenlawn, Broadway East, Herring Run Park, Cedonia, Belair Rd, Erdbar Ave, Patterson Park, Canton, Armistead Gardens, Kresson, Canton Waterfront Park, Winans Cove, Fort McHenry Tunnel, Hotbird Ave, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn, Cherry Hill, Westport, Violetville, Halethorpe, Lansdowne, Arbutus, Catonsville, Frederick Ave, Baltimore Belvedere, Cooks Ln, S Rolling Rd, Valley Rd, S Hanover St, Harbor Tunnel Throughway, Curtis Bay

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE BCA?



GETTING THERE

Turn right onto
Mathews Street



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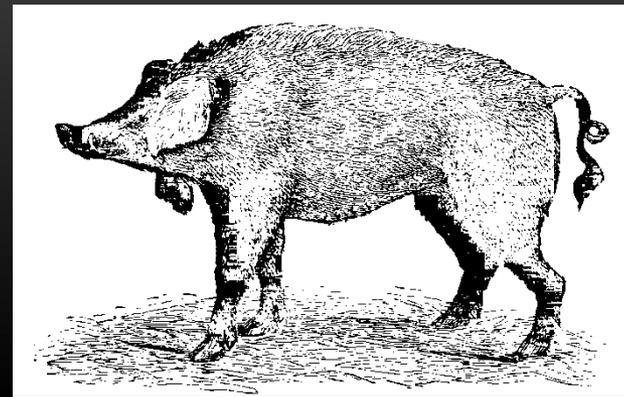
STOWING YOUR STUFF- and other rules



READING ROOM – & behind the scenes



Ruth Ann Sanks



To the Honorable
the Mayor & City Council
of Baltimore.

Gentlemen,

The Undersigned, your
servant would more respectfully represent to your
Honorable body that whilst returning from church
on the evening of Sunday the 10th of February last
past at the corner of South & Baltimore Streets
she was violently run against and knocked down
by a Hog - thereby causing her a great deal of
and other parts of her body severely lacerated
and thrown upon her bed for a period of
weeks and from the effects of which she now
she has not yet fully recovered, and she appeals
to your Honorable body for relief.

The grounds upon which your Memorial
ist would make her appeal are these:

- 1st That there is ~~no~~ in existence an or-
dinance prohibiting anyone from running at large
between the 1st of December & 1st of April.
- 2^d That the City is bound for the protec-
tion of the lives & limbs of its citizens, and that
as the Council of the City had not enacted the law
the City is bound to be liable for damages.

Your Memorial-
ist would earnestly invoke the Early attention of
your Honorable body to her situation & she
expresses that to her the matter is fully explicated
the justice of her claim will be acknowledged &
your Memorialist will be in debt to and ever
Thank you

Ruth Ann Sanks

Baltimore April 15th 1850

“whilst returning from church on the evening of Sunday, the tenth of February last past, at the corner of South and Baltimore Streets, [I] was violently run against and **knocked down by a Hog ..**”

Letter from Ruth Ann Sanks to the Mayor & City Council, 15 April 1850 (HRS# 829); Administrative Records, City Council, BRG 16, Series 1; Baltimore City Archives.

FINDING FAMILY HISTORY
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